

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

**April 13, 2016 6:25 pm
Town Hall Conference Room**

Attendees: Dennis Visconti, Chairman, Steve Slyvester, Stephen McDonough, Therese DiBlasi, Aldo Ursino, Bill Previdi, Maura Campbell

Absent members:, Julie Boussy , Jack Bracciotti, James Sarno

Guests: Kevin Osgood, Golf Course Manager of Sterling Management

1. RE: Ice Skating Arena –The T.A. has approved the work to be done to the Arena. This work will be done from April 17, to June 1st, 2016, in which the arena will be closed. Also at the same time in May the rubber flooring will be replaced with new rubber flooring, along with painting lobby, locker rooms and bleachers. Assistance will be given from the Middlesex County Inmates to help paint. Painting will also be done around showers and the compressors will get their annual shutdown maintenance. There are small roof leaks that may still need patching; the dehumidifier may need replacing in near future. More research is being done for the Arena to be more energy efficient, and Bill Previdi is working with T. A. on the solar panel prospect for the arena which will take some time, but prospects look very good in the near future.

2. RE: The interviews for the Recreation Director is finally done, the top 13 applications were accepted for an interview, in which one was chosen. He will equip Stoneham's youth with a great recreational program, and start it from the ground up.

3. RE: Play Ground Field Permits- Semin pro team has permits for 3 practices only, April 17, 24 & May 1st. Dennis Visconti would like to see if he can put permit pricing list in the Stoneham Sun and information pertaining to going about getting a field permit.

4. RE: Golf Courses – No action was taken by the Board after last session's Motion to recommend the section of the contract Relocation of Clubhouse section 3.7 be removed. Kevin Osgood informed us of many updates regarding the courses. Golf leagues are to start, and with Burke & Callahan that see operations these Leagues will be in good hands with a good all-around staff. More hiring will

take place, also Mr. Osgood has a PGA Pro to accommodate the players. Utilities are all set up including internet. Mr. Osgood is dealing with receiving permits and food license, and also wants to receive a limited season beer and wine license April to November. The Bathrooms have been power washed and are in working order, and the course equipment is being serviced for maximum performance. New logos were designed for the Oaks and Unicorn Golf Parks and I must say they are stunning. The website is being built as we speak. Price lists are complete and offer a Veteran and Student discount as well, and the Oaks is to open on April 15th. On another note Mr. Osgood has other prospects he would like to see at Unicorn, which includes a replacement on part of the roof that is leaking, and basement may need better ventilation. Mr. Osgood would like to have an above ground concrete fuel tank, which consists of 500 gallons of gas & diesel. Aboveground fuel tank is safer than an underground fuel tank, which comes with two wall safety enforcement around it. Lastly, Unicorns irrigation system must be looked at and may need repairs, the main valve may have a leak and already some major valves were fixed. But the current irrigation system is antiquated and does not cover the course entirely unfortunately.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM

Submitted by: Aldo Ursino